

Bibliography

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wild millet

Echinochloa muricata

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering

plants

Features

Wild millet is an annual plant with smooth stems that are upright, branched, and up to five feet tall. The leaves are long and narrow, flat, and rough to the touch. They may be up to one inch wide. Green flowers are crowded into spikes up to one foot long. Fruits are less than one-fourth inch long.

Natural History

Wild millet grows in wet soil and can be found in disturbed areas. It flowers July through September. The fruits provide food for waterfowl.

Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams; bottomland forests; constructed lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; natural lakes and prairie marshes

Iowa Status

common; native

Iowa Range

statewide